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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON AMERICAN MOHAWK

REF: (A) GENEVA 13386, (B) HONG KONG 12327 (NOTAL BOTH)

1. REF (B) REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH SAMPATKUMAR ON SEPT. 6 WHO LEFT SBNG KONG SAME DAY FOR KUALA LUMPUR. (HE ARRIVED HERE SEPT. 2.) WE THEN SPOKE WITH CARPENTER LATE AFTERNOON SEPT. 6 REQUESTING UNHCR SUPPORT TO HAVE REFUGEES LANDED IN HONG KONG. HE TOLD US THAT SAMPATKUMAR HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HIM AND THERE WAS LITTLE HE COULD DO.

2. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL (A), WE CALLED CARPENTER EARLY SEPT. 7 AND AGAIN MADE PLEA FOR SUPPORT, NOTING THAT MISSION HAD BEEN TOLD BY UNHCR GENEVA THAT OUR STANCE WOULD BE SUPPORTED. CARPENTER AGAIN SAID THERE WAS LITTLE HE COULD DO. WHEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF HE RECEIVED CABLE MENTIONED REFTEL (A), HE SAID HE DID BUT CABLE SIMPLY INFORMED HIM THAT USG WAS PREPARED TO GUARANTEE "AMERICAN MOHAWK" REFUGEES. IT CONTAINED NO INSTRUCTIONS.
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AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, CARPENTER SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE SAMPATKUMAR IN KUALA LUMPUR FOR GUIDANCE.

3. CARPENTER JUST CALLED TO REPORT THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH SAMPATKUMAR AND WOULD GO TO "AMERICAN MOHAWK" TO DETERMINE WHAT CONDITIONS WERE LIKE ON BOARD. WE SUPPOSE HE WILL REPORT BACK TO SAMPATKUMAR.

4. VISIT TO "AMERICAN MOHAWK" SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN
HALF A DAY. HOWEVER, IT WILL MEAN NO UNHCR SUPPORT FOR
CONGEN REPRESENTATIONS TODAY, WHICH SUPPORT WOULD HAVE BEEN
HELPFUL.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MISSION WOULD RAISE "AMERICAN
MOHAWK" WITH UNHCR GENEVA AGAIN.
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